

**Greenwich Historical Society to Honor Properties that Reflect
Town's Rich Architectural Heritage at 32nd Annual Landmarks
Recognition Program**

**** Acclaimed Architect Joseph Pell Lombardi to Discuss Global Historic
Preservation ****

**** Preservation Leadership Awards to be Presented in Recognition of the
Feake-Ferris House****

COS COB, March 14, 2019 – Greenwich Historical Society's **Landmark Recognition Program**, an annual initiative that recognizes historic properties for their design excellence and value in preserving Greenwich's unique architectural heritage, will present plaques to four properties at a reception on Sunday, April 28th. More than 300 structures have received plaques since the program's inception in 1987.

Each of the properties to receive plaques was constructed in the early 20th century. They include **Greenwich Town Hall**, a fine example of the Georgian Revival period; the imposing **World War I Memorial** in the Egyptian Revival style; and two distinctive Tudor homes: the **Arthur & Ida Rinke House** in Old Greenwich and the **Paul Schwarz House** in central Greenwich.

"This long standing and defining event has added significance this year with the completion of our expansive new campus," says Historical Society Executive Director and CEO Debra Mecky. "We're now able to raise the bar on our programming and instill even greater community wide support for preserving our architectural treasures and sense of place. We look forward to awarding plaques to hundreds more properties in the years to come."

Joseph Pell Lombardi, one of the first architects to specialize exclusively in restoration, preservation, adaptive use and contextual new buildings, will trace 50 years of his firm's worldwide historic preservation efforts in his keynote address: ***Cabins, Houses, Lofts, Skyscrapers & Castles***. Examples will include the National Historic Landmark Armour-Stiner (Octagon) House in Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y., one of the most visually unique homes in the world and the only one known to be built in the form of an ancient Classical temple; and the Chateau du Sailhant, a dramatically situated thousand-year-old French chateau-fort, which recently completed a 10-year restoration.

Preservation Leadership Awards will be presented to **Martin and Anna Waters** and the **Greenwich Point Conservancy** for the restoration and adaptive use of the Feake-Ferris House, noted as the oldest house in Greenwich and one of the oldest in America. These awards are part of a related program which recognizes projects of historical and/or architectural significance that demonstrate the aesthetic, cultural or economic benefits of preservation.

The Historical Society is grateful for the support and leadership of Landmarks Recognition program committee, including **Chairman Robin Kencel, John Dixon, Nils Kerschus, Rose Scott Long** and **Amanda Martoccio**. Ex officio Selection Committee members include **Debra Mecky** and **Christopher Shields**, the Historical Society's Curator of Library and Archives. **Trisha Estill** contributed the photography unless otherwise noted.

The program is generously supported by **Charles Hilton Architects, David Ogilvy & Associates** and **Fairfield County Look**.

The Landmarks Recognition reception on Sunday, April 28th will be at Greenwich Country Club, 19 Doubling Rd., Greenwich, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. A champagne reception will precede the formal program. Tickets are \$75 per person; \$250 for Patron level; \$500 for Benefactor level. Reservations are required. Reserve at: www.greenwichhistory.org or call 203/869-6899, ext. 10.

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About the Greenwich Historical Society

Greenwich Historical Society was founded in 1931 to preserve and interpret Greenwich history to strengthen the community's connection to our past, to each other and to the future. The circa 1730 National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House survived the American Revolution and became the site of Connecticut's first American Impressionist art colony from 1890 to 1920. Its landscape and gardens are restored based on documentation from the site's Impressionist era. The campus also includes a nationally accredited museum, library and archives, a museum store, café, and a community education center. Greenwich Historical Society educates thousands of school children annually and connects visitors to the history of this globally influential community through exhibitions, lectures, programs, and events. It receives no town funding and relies on donations and grants to continue its work in education and preservation. Learn more at greenwichhistory.org.

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